

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated February 13, 2006. Claims 1-29 are pending in the application. By the present amendment, claims 23 and 26 have been amended, and claims 30-32 have been cancelled without prejudice. No new matter has been added. The Examiner made the restriction requirement on claims 30-32 final. The Applicant reserves the right to pursue claims 30-32 by way of a separate divisional application. The Examiner's reconsideration of the rejection in view of the amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

By the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 23-25 as being dependent from a non-existing claim 22. The dependency of claim 23 has been amended to depend from claim 20, accordingly. Reconsideration of the objection is respectfully requested.

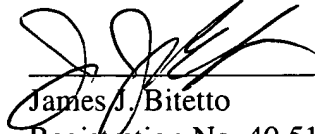
The dependency of claim 26 has also been amended to correct a typo. Claim 26 is dependent from claim 15 which has been deemed allowable by the Examiner. Therefore, claim 26 is also believed to be allowable.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-21 and 26-29 and the allowability of claims 23-25 if rewritten to correct dependencies. However, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the case is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no additional fees or charges are currently due. However, in the event that any additional fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the application, they may be charged to applicant's IBM Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully submitted,

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